

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout, Blake Connolly. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the July 16, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges requested the name of Jennifer Marlo be corrected to **Marlow**. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT **

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended a seminar last week with Ara entitled SeniorNet. This is a nationwide not-for-profit organization based in San Francisco for older adults to learn about computers. He will give the information to Wanda Henderson to see if she believes this would be beneficial;
- Drainage problems of Wilson Estates – a letter will be sent to Mr. Wilson outlining the expectations of the City of Rushville prior to the dedication of the streets, storm and sanitary sewers and water lines by the City;
- The Park Department is working with the Rush County Health Department concerning the rat problem along Hodges Branch. There will be a news release that safe bait traps will be set;
- The Rush County Health Department inspected Tom Green Tire and found mosquito larvae in the tires. Green has been ordered to spray the area;
- The Board of Works approved a claim from Flatrock River refunding \$92,539.91 to the City;

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley asked the Council to consider Resolution 2002-15 to reduce spending for the year 2002. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Resolution. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge said that tonight has been designated as National Night Out Against Crime. Mayor Bridges presented a proclamation. Residents are to turn on their porch lights at 8:00 p.m. and to go out and meet your neighbors. This is to show appreciation for public safety.

Fire – Clark said there was a problem with the transmission on the ladder truck. The estimated cost is \$5,500.00 and should be back in service next week.

Street - Bennett said they have begun demolition at 833 W 2nd Street.

He has receiving notice that the delivery of the packer will be delayed because of a computerized problem.

The recycling totes have been received and will be distributed.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Goins said he had received a complaint about a truck having been parked on Main Street by the Corner Restaurant. Bridges said the building is being refurbished. The truck is replacing a dumpster and should be moved shortly.

Sheehan received complaints of continuous rummage sales. This will be addressed by the Area Plan Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Salary Ordinance 2002-6 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-6 on second reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion – Bridges presented spreadsheets to Council outlining the budget for 2003. He said that he believed it was a very workable budget, with very little "fat". The main area of concern was the line item in the Fire Department Budget for hydrant rental. The question was whether or not Council wished to have the burden of the increase of the hydrant rental, which would be approximately \$106,000.00, or if that would be added to the customer billing. If it would be added it could be done in one lump sum or over a 3 year period, which would come to about \$1.00 additional a year. After lengthy discussion,

Pavey made a motion to put the hydrant rental on the customer billing spread out over a 3 year period. Sheehan seconded the motion. Councilmen Goins and Byrne voted in opposition to the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Water & Sewer Rate Increase - John Skomp from Crowe Chizek gave a lengthy presentation regarding the recommendation by the Utility Board to increase the Water and Sewer Rates. Skomp said that the increase would involve an increase of about \$5.00 for each the water and sewer. He said this is still a very competitive rate.

Ordinance 2002-8 Sewer Rate Increase - Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-8 on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2002-9 Water Rate Increase – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-9 on first reading. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There will need to be a public hearing scheduled for the rate increase. Goins made a motion to set the public hearing for September 3 meeting, which would also include the hydrant rate increase. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2002-7 Elected Officials Ordinance – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-7 on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goins made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER